

RE: FOIA DON-USMC-2017-005650

Miller Maj Micah M

Sent: Saturday, May 27, 2017 8:49 AM

To: Ray%20Ossman [reossman@comcast.net]

Mr. Ossman,

As you are aware, ultimately, the decision you referenced in your last e-mail is up to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Our admin folks would only be able to articulate what your chronological record states (which I can do for you as well, and have below).

The chronological record page for Raymond Edward Ossman, III, that you provided to me, shows that your unit was assigned to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC, for annual training for the following dates:

19 July 1986 through 03 August 1986; and
18 July 1987 through 02 August 1987.

Feel free to print this e-mail, or forward to the VA, for inclusion in your record. However, I think your chronological record is pretty clear, and your case reviewer would also have seen those annual training dates.

Thank you, and good luck,

Maj Miller, USMCR
Associate Counsel
MFR Office of Counsel

From: Ray%20Ossman [reossman@comcast.net]

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 9:10 PM

To: Miller Maj Micah M

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FOIA DON-USMC-2017-005650

Hi Major,

Just following up to see what was decided?

Thanks,
Ray Ossman

From: "Miller Maj Micah M" <micah.miller@usmc.mil>

To: "Ray%20Ossman" <reossman@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 1:41:17 PM

Subject: RE: FOIA DON-USMC-2017-005650

Mr. Ossman,

Understood. Let me speak with the Consolidated Admin folks here at MARFORRES.

Maj Miller, USMCR

-----Original Message-----

From: Ray%20Ossman [mailto:reossman@comcast.net]

Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:27 PM

To: Miller Maj Micah M <micah.miller@usmc.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FOIA DON-USMC-2017-005650

When I went into the VA and asked them directly they would not give me a yes or no answer if what I had would be adequate. When I contacted a separate Veterans Service Organization and asked the same thing they would not tell me either. They told me it would be evaluated during processing. I am guessing that the VA does not deal with a lot of Reserves who only served on ADT and so I am concerned that they will not look close enough at the paperwork or deny the claim because it does not have an easy to read declaration of my time at Lejeune. The VA can take an astronomical amount of time to process a claim and right now they said they would be finished with mine in a year. I do want to find out in a year I did not prove it well enough. That is why I was trying to find unit records or some other kind of verification that I was there. That is why I asked if your office would consider a letter after evaluating my paperwork just to make sure.

Thanks,

Ray Ossman

From: "Miller Maj Micah M" <micah.miller@usmc.mil>
To: "Ray%20Ossman" <reossman@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 10:46:54 AM
Subject: RE: FOIA DON-USMC-2017-005650

Mr. Ossman,
Thank you for providing your chronological record (I did receive it this time). I'm not sure I understand what else you need. Your chronological record shows that you, Raymond E. Ossman, were at Camp Lejeune from July 19 - August 3, 1986, and again from July 18 - August 2, 1987.

The VA told you your chronological record was not sufficient to show that you were at Lejeune for your two AT training evolutions covering 1986 and 1987?

Thanks,
Maj Miller, USMCR

-----Original Message-----

From: Ray%20Ossman [mailto:reossman@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 11:47 AM

To: Miller Maj Micah M <micah.miller@usmc.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FOIA DON-USMC-2017-005650

Here is another one.

From: "Ray%20Ossman" <reossman@comcast.net>
To: "Miller Maj Micah M" <micah.miller@usmc.mil>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 9:44:10 AM
Subject: Re: FOIA DON-USMC-2017-005650

One of them was too large. Here are two of them. I will try and compress the other one.

From: "Miller Maj Micah M" <micah.miller@usmc.mil>
To: "Ray%20Ossman" <reossman@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 7:03:11 AM
Subject: RE: FOIA DON-USMC-2017-005650

Mr. Ossman,
They did not come through ... can you check the size of the file? I do not believe the USMC e-mail system will accept e-mails greater than 10MB.
Thank you,
Maj Miller, USMCR

-----Original Message-----

From: Ray%20Ossman [mailto:reossman@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2017 11:47 PM
To: Miller Maj Micah M <micah.miller@usmc.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FOIA DON-USMC-2017-005650

I resent them. Let me know if they came through.

From: "Miller Maj Micah M" <micah.miller@usmc.mil>
To: "Ray%20Ossman" <reossman@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2017 4:12:48 PM
Subject: RE: FOIA DON-USMC-2017-005650

Mr. Ossman,
I don't believe I received any documents from you. Did you send this this e-mail? Can you resend?
Thank you,
Maj Miller, USMCR

From: Ray%20Ossman [reossman@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 7:59 PM
To: Miller Maj Micah M
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FOIA DON-USMC-2017-005650

Sir,
What do you think about evaluating the documents I sent you and having someone provide a letter that states something indicating that MC Reserve unit documents from the 80's are limited and were not computerized at the time. It could state that from the documents provided for review it would indicate that my ADT was conducted at Camp Lejuene as indicated in both 1986 and 1987. Or can you direct me to someone who can do that for me?
Is there anyone who maintains records of where Reserve units or individuals were sent for ADT?
Thanks,
Ray Ossman

From: "Miller Maj Micah M" <micah.miller@usmc.mil>
To: reossman@comcast.net

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 7:43:54 AM
Subject: FOIA DON-USMC-2017-005650

Mr. Ossman,

Marine Forces Reserve (new Orleans) has received your request. I can tell you right away, that we would not maintain records from the time period you're seeking (1986-1987). I can try to obtain a contact in Tacoma, but I am quite certain they would not have records that old either. If this request is simply to prove to the VA that you were at Camp Lejeune, I'm not sure why the records you obtained from the national archives (where records this old are maintained) showing the dates don't suffice. Isn't this ADT time frame listed on your chronological record, showing a location at Camp Lejeune?

Thank you,
Maj Miller, USMCR
Associate Counsel
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